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1. In February 1949, KIM Pong-u (金奉宇), YI Chu-ha (李舟河) and CHONG T'ae-sik (鄭泰植), members of the South Korean Labor Party Central Political Committee, requested the following equipment from the North Korean Military Inquiry Committee of the People's Army.

Model 38 Japanese rifles	20,000
Model 94 Japanese rifles	25,000
Bayonets (for the above rifles)	45,000
Model 1 Mauser pistols	600
Czechoslovak light machine guns	900
Model 92 Japanese heavy machine guns	100
Model 94 Japanese infantry mortar	90
Japanese grenade discharger (knee-mortar)	400
Hand grenades	300,000
Loaded ammunition bandoleers	50,000
New type Chinese grenade discharger with a range of 1000 yards	400

2. The North Korean government replied that the requested equipment was unavailable in North Korea. A request for the equivalent Soviet arms was then submitted by the North Korean government to the USSR. The Soviet government replied that it could not furnish Soviet arms, as that would result in international implications.

3. The North Korean government then sent the request to LIN Piao, commander of the Chinese Communist army in Manchuria. LIN replied that he would send the requested arms to Hodo, North Korea by 29 June 1949.

4. The North Korean government agreed to allocate the following clothing and supplies for the South Korean movement:

Summer uniforms	100,000
Winter uniforms	50,000
Cloth shoes	300,000
Medicines	Unspecified
Undershirts	Unspecified

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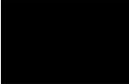
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